

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In re Applications of)	
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AMERITECH CORP.,)	
Transferor,)	
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AND)	
)	CC Docket No. 98-141
SBC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)	
Transferee,)	
)	
For Consent to Transfer Control of Corporations)	
Holding Commission Licenses and Lines Pursuant)	
to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications)	
Act and Parts 5, 22, 24, 25, 63, 90, 95, and 101 of)	
the Commission's Rules)	
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GTE CORPORATION,)	
Transferor,)	
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AND)	
)	CC Docket No. 98-184
BELL ATLANTIC CORPORATION,)	
Transferee,)	
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For Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic and)	
International Sections 214 and 310 Authorizations)	
and Application to Transfer Control of a Submarine)	
Cable Landing License)	

ORDER

Adopted: May 2, 2002

Released: May 2, 2002

By the Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

On February 20, 2001, Verizon Communications, Inc. (Verizon) asked the Common Carrier Bureau (now the Wireline Competition Bureau) (Bureau) to clarify the Most-Favored Nation (MFN) condition in the *Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order* as it applies to provisions relating to payment for traffic bound for internet service providers.¹ On March 6, 2001, Birch Telecom, Inc. (Birch) asked the Bureau to likewise clarify the MFN condition in the *SBC/Ameritech Merger Order*.² On March 30, 2001, the

¹ Letter from Gordon Evans, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, Verizon, to Dorothy Attwood, Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (Feb. 20, 2001).

² Letter from John Ivanuska, Vice President, Regulatory & Carrier Relations, Birch, to Carol E. Matthey, Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (Mar. 6, 2001).

Bureau sought comment on both requests.³ On February 28, 2002, the Commission released the *Global NAPs Order*, which addressed the Verizon MFN provision.⁴ Meanwhile, Birch has indicated that it no longer seeks clarification from the Bureau. Accordingly, both requests are hereby dismissed as moot.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Carol E. Matthey
Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

³ See Common Carrier Bureau Seeks Comment on Letters Filed By Verizon And Birch Regarding Most-Favored Nation Condition of SBC/Ameritech and Bell Atlantic/GTE Orders, *Public Notice*, 16 FCC Rcd. 6873 (Com. Car. Bur. 2001).

⁴ See *Global NAPs, Inc., Complainant, v. Verizon Communications, Verizon New England, Inc., and Verizon Virginia, Inc., Defendants*, File No. EB-01-MD-010, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, FCC 02-59 (rel. Feb. 28, 2002) (*Global NAPs Order*).